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MAY 20, 1974

TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: SECRETARY KISSINGER

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PLEASE CALL DOBRYNIN AND CONVEY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO HIM FOR GROMYKO.

BEGIN MESSAGE:

1. I WANT GROMYKO TO KNOW THAT AS A RESULT OF MY DISCUSSIONS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS TOWARDS GETTING THE AGREEMENT OF BOTH SYRIA AND ISRAEL ON THE KEY ISSUE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, NAMELY THE LINE OF DISENGAGEMENT, INCLUDING THE KUNEITRA AREA. SIMULTANEOUS WITH THE DISCUSSIONS ON THIS BASIC ELEMENT OF THE AGREEMENT, WE ARE TRYING TO RESOLVE SIGNIFICANT POINTS RELATING TO OTHER MAJOR ELEMENTS, NAMELY, THE LIMITATION OF FORCES, A UNITED NATIONS PRESENCE AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS QUITE SIMILAR TO THOSE WHICH WERE CONTAINED IN THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. I AM EXTENDING MY STAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST TO WORK OUT THESE BASIC ISSUES.

State Dept. review
completed

2. IF AGREEMENT IS ACHIEVED, WE AGREE, AS GROMYKO AND I DISCUSSED, THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR THE SIGNING TO TAKE PLACE, PERHAPS SOMETIME NEXT WEEK, AT GENEVA WITHIN THE MILITARY WORKING GROUP. ALSO, MY EXPECTATION IS THAT THE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES OF ISRAEL AND SYRIA WOULD WORK OUT IN GENEVA THE IMPLEMENTING DETAILS, ONCE THE AGREEMENT IS ACHIEVED, IN THE PRESENCE OF A UN REPRESENTATIVE AND US AND SOVIET OBSERVERS. WE PROPOSE THAT AMBASSADORS BUNKER AND VINOGRADOV WOULD PERFORM THESE TASKS. THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD HAVE THE ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGE THAT BUNKER COULD FILL IN VINOGRADOV FULLY ON THE DETAILS AND THE TWO COULD THEN SUBSEQUENTLY DICUSS THE PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE.

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3. I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY OBSERVATIONS GROMYKO WOULD WISH TO MAKE.

4. TELL DOBRYNIN THAT I WANT TO PROTEST IN THE STRONGEST TERMS AGAINST THE CONSTANT OUTPOURING BY RADIO MOSCOW, PRAVDA AND OTHER SOURCES AGAINST WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I DO NOT CONSIDER IT CONSISTENT WITH GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTIES.

END MESSAGE.

WARM REGARDS

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May 20, 1974

TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: SECRETARY KISSINGER

Please call Dobrynin and convey the following information to him for Gromyko.

BEGIN MESSAGE:

1. I want Gromyko to know that as a result of my discussions of the last few days we have made progress towards getting the agreement of both Syria and Israel on the key issue in the negotiations, namely the line of disengagement, including the Kuneitra area. Simultaneous with the discussions on this basic element of the agreement, we are trying to resolve significant points relating to other major elements, namely, the limitation of forces, a United Nations presence and other related matters quite similar to those which were contained in the Egyptian-Israeli disengagement agreement. I am extending my stay in the Middle East to work out these basic issues.

2. If agreement is achieved, we agree, as Gromyko and I discussed, that it would be desirable for the signing to take place, perhaps sometime next week, at Geneva within the Military Working Group. Also, my expectation is that the military representatives of Israel and Syria would work out in Geneva the implementing details, once

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the agreement is achieved, in the presence of a UN representative and US and Soviet observers. We propose that Ambassadors Bunker and Vinogradov would perform these tasks. This arrangement would have the additional advantage that Bunker could fill in Vinogradov fully on the details and the two could then subsequently discuss the prospects for the future.

3. I would appreciate any observations Gromyko would wish to make.

4. Tell Dobrynin that I want to protest in the strongest terms against the constant outpouring by Radio Moscow, Pravda and other sources against what we are trying to do in the Middle East. I do not consider it consistent with good relations between our countries.

END MESSAGE.

Warm regards

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May 19, 1974

HAKTO_____ IMMEDIATE

TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: SECRETARY KISSINGER

Please call Dobrynin and convey the following information to him from Gromyko.

BEGIN MESSAGE:

1. I want Gromyko to know that as a result of my discussions of the last few days we have made progress towards ~~are on the verge of~~ getting ~~the~~ the agreement of both Syria and Israel on the key issue in the negotiations, namely the line of disengagement, including the Kuneitra area. Simultaneous with the discussions on this basic element of the agreement, we are trying to resolve significant points relating to other major elements, namely, the limitation of forces, a United Nations presence and other related matters quite similar to those which were contained in the Egyptian-Israeli disengagement agreement. I am extending my stay in the Middle East to work out these basic issues.

2. ~~I will continue to keep Gromyko informed on these discussions since~~ If ~~we should achieve~~ achieved agreement ~~I would expect~~ we agree as Gromyko and I discussed, that it would be desirable for the

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signing ~~of the agreement~~ to take place, perhaps sometime next week, at Geneva within the Military Working Group. Also my expectation is that the military representatives of Israel and Syria would work out in Geneva the implementing details, once the agreement is achieved, in the presence of a UN representative + US + Soviet observers ~~as was the case between Egypt and Israel. US and Soviet observers would be present for both of these meetings as agreed in Cyprus~~. We propose that Ambassadors Bunker and Vinogradov would perform ~~this~~ these tasks. This arrangement would have the additional advantage that Bunker could fill in Vinogradov fully on the details and the two could then subsequently discuss the prospects for the future. ~~Alternatively, we would be prepared to send one of our military attaches to witness the signing~~ if you would prefer.

3. I would appreciate any observations Gromyko would wish to make.

4. Tell Dobrynin that I want to protest in the strongest terms against the constant outpouring by Radio Moscow, Pravda and other sources against what we are trying to do in the Middle East. I do not consider it consistent with good relations between our countries.

END MESSAGE

Warm regards.

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